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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/500,853  
Applicants: Kenji KANEKO, et al.  
Filing Date: April 6, 2005  
For: DETECTING METHOD OF LOW RIGID FORCE  
AND DEVICE THEREFOR  
Group Art Unit: 2855  
Examiner: PATEL, P.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**ELECTION RESPONSE**

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Respectfully submitted,

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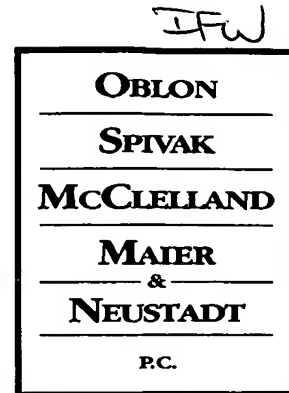
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In response to the election of species requirement of May 8, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Figs. 1 and 4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 correspond to this species.

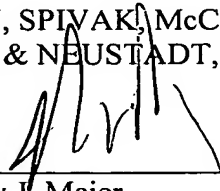
This election is being made with traverse. Any proper search for the elected species will also necessarily require a search through the appropriate classes and subclasses for the other species. It would therefore not constitute a significant additional burden on the Office for the examiner to examine all of the species in the present application, and so the election of species requirement is believed to be unjustified.

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Reply to Office Action of May 8, 2006

Favorable and timely consideration of the elected species is requested.

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